

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE**

March 7, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

IAC Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Jon Ford, Chair

Minutes

Members present: none

Members present via teleconference: Karen Ellerbrook, Jon Ford, Judy Hess, Trevor Yager

Members absent: Pam Hicks, Jeff Kirk

IAC staff present: Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin, Lewis Ricci

1. Approval of Agenda and December Minutes. IAC Chair Jon Ford opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Due to lack of quorum present, no action was taken on the agenda and minutes. The minutes from the December 9, 2011 meeting of the Executive Committee will be presented at a special meeting of the committee prior to the next meeting of the full Commission on March 14.

2. Financial Report.

A. FY 2012 Year-to-Date. IAC Executive Director Lewis Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the IAC budget for FY 2012, current through February 1, 2012.

B. State Budget Agency Issues.

1. Mr. Ricci reminded the committee that the State Budget Agency erred with the IAC budget earlier in the fiscal year, by encumbering \$8,000 twice for the same activity, and has not restored the funds to IAC. This was first reported to the committee in September 2011. SBA has asked for justification to restore the funds, and Mr. Ricci intends to show that the money is needed to fund technical assistance consultancies.

2. Mr. Ricci reported that IAC continues to encounter problems with routine financial services being rendered by SBA; these problems were first reported to the committee in September 2011. Mr. Ricci reported that, in addition, federal funding to IAC from previous years has not been correctly accounted for, leaving uncertainty about the amount of funds currently available. Mr. Ford has arranged for a personal meeting with a deputy director of SBA to discuss these ongoing problems; Mr. Ricci will also attend.

3. Mr. Ricci reminded the committee that IAC has been mandated by SBA to “hold back” 3% of its FY 2012 budget. Mr. Ricci intends to present a request to restore the funding to the IAC budget.

4. Mr. Ricci reported that an IAC staff member has begun formal complaint proceedings with the State Personnel Department, alleging hostile work environment coming from certain SBA staff members. This issue will also be discussed by Mr. Ford and Mr. Ricci in their meeting with the SBA deputy director.

3. Commission Issues.

A. Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing a “matrix” approach to monitoring progress with the IAC strategic plan. He wants to have an individual Commissioner assigned to each element of the matrix, to be the primary monitor of a particular area of the plan. Mr. Ford will present the matrix at the next meeting of the full Commission on March 14, and will ask for volunteers to become monitors.

B. Mr. Ricci reported having met with the Governor’s appointment staff last week, but that no action has been taken to fill any of the vacancies on the Commission. However, several individuals who were recommended by IAC have met with some degree of enthusiasm by the Governor’s staff.

C. Governor’s Arts Awards. Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the names and addresses of individuals and organizations that have been sent sponsorship packets for the GAA. He asked that members of the Commission assist in following up with personal contacts to the individuals and organizations, which include former GAA winners, former Commissioners, past sponsors, and Regional Arts Partners. The awards program will be on the campus of IU-South Bend on April 26th. Mr. Ricci also requested that some Commissioners assist at the program by being award presenters.

D. Mr. Ricci reported that national Arts Advocacy Day will be April 16 – 17 in Washington DC. He expects a contingent of about six to attend from Indiana, including himself, Mr. Ford and state captain Sally Gaskill from Bloomington. He asked that Commissioners with connections to any of Indiana’s members of the House of Representatives or Senate assist with arranging to meet with them on April 17.

E. Mr. Ford reported that he has begun to prepare the annual performance review for Mr. Ricci and will finish it by the end of March.

4. **Partnership Issues.** Mr. Ricci reminded the committee that IAC has committed to reviewing the partnership allocation formula this year, and a timeline is being drawn up that would include three meetings of an ad-hoc committee, which will be drawn from the regional partners and current commissioners. Mr. Ricci asked that at least one member of the Executive Committee serve on the ad-hoc committee.

5. **September Emeritus Event.** Mr. Ricci reported that plans are underway for IAC to host its second Emeritus Commissioner gathering, the next one scheduled for September 14, 2012 in conjunction with the IAC Quarterly Business Meeting. IAC Commissioner Suzie Rentschler from Hartsville is spearheading plans for the event, which will be held in Columbus. Mr. Ricci intends to invite representatives from gubernatorial campaigns to make short presentations at the event.

6. **Governor's Election Race.** Mr. Ford reminded the committee that he and Mr. Ricci have met once with each of the declared major party candidates for Governor, and expect to arrange two more meetings with them and their campaign staffs. The next round of meetings will include legislators from both parties, and the third round of meetings will hopefully include donors to the campaigns who are also patrons of the arts. The goal of these meetings is to "be neutral, present information, and to build relationships, no matter who wins".

7. **Old Business/New Business.** Mr. Ricci reported that he and IAC Commissioner Karen Ellerbrook have scheduled a meeting next week with executives from Lilly Endowment. Lilly Endowment participated in two Foundation and Business Roundtables that IAC presented during 2011.

8. **Adjourn.** Mr. Ford thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 11:05 a.m.